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The outcome of the November 6, 2012 presidential election and the United States Supreme Court's June 28, 2012 decision upholding the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act make it certain that the implementation of its provisions will continue.

The Affordable Care Act's primary mandates will take effect on January 1, 2014—in just over one year. Under that brief timeframe, Los Angeles County's Department of Health Care Services must urgently reinvent itself. It must transform from a safety net provider with unlimited demand for services to a more efficient provider vying for newly insured patients in a highly competitive marketplace. The public must be educated on the high quality services offered at Los Angeles County medical facilities. Our network of community care providers must be expanded and strengthened. Our computer systems must be upgraded. And our customer service must be second to none.

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Conversely, failure to attract and retain hundreds of thousands of newly insured patients will drastically erode the Department of Health Services (DHS) funding, requiring an infusion of general fund dollars to avert a system collapse.

For Los Angeles County to be fully prepared to implement the mandates of the health care reform law, DHS and County departments, including, but not limited to, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Public Social Services, must coordinate with each other to guarantee that the DHS has the resources to deliver best in class care and service to every single patient who chooses to seek care with us or from our network of community providers.

In order to deliver on the promise of universal healthcare and demonstrate that the County can compete with private sector health care providers, this Board requires the help of each and every member of the County family, including our union partners—and we must begin today. The Board of Supervisors must be continually apprised of the County readiness for Affordable Care Act implementation.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE,** that the Board of Supervisors direct DHS Director Dr. Mitchell Katz, to report to the Board within two weeks, and thereafter on the first Board meeting of every month, the status of the County's efforts to implement the Affordable Care Act.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE,** that the Chief Executive Office be directed to amend the relevant Department Heads' MAPP goals to include performance criteria related to implementation of the Affordable Care Act.